

Attributable to an "NSO Spokesperson":

"Owing to contractual and national security considerations NSO Group cannot confirm or deny the identity of our government customers. While we do not have sight of the targets selected by our verified and authorized government clients, we undertake vigorous pre-sale human rights and legal compliance checks to minimize the potential for misuse.

"As we said, and proved, over and over again - NSO is a leader in the human rights domain within the cyber intelligence industry. We take very seriously any allegation of misuse, including and especially the targeting of journalists, and -do everything in our power to prevent that from happening. As part of our human rights policy, we fully investigate any credible allegation of misuse – investigations that our customers are contractually bound to cooperate with. If misuse is found, we have sanctions available up to and including the total shut down of the system – something we have done multiple times in the past. Needless to say, any targeting of a journalist solely by virtue of being a journalist is something we condemn and if we find that this has been done by any of our customers, we will deal with it harshly.

"The forensic reports we have seen to date have not provided evidence as to the use of our system and we cannot base our investigations solely on them."

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